



Link light rail station
NEIGHBORHOOD
Parking Plan

PROPOSED SDOT neighborhood parking plan for Link light rail Columbia City, Othello and Rainier Beach station areas

Sound Transit’s Link light rail trains will begin carrying passengers between downtown Seattle and Tukwila through the Rainier Valley in July 2009. The rail connection from Tukwila to Sea-Tac Airport will open in late 2009. In southeast Seattle, trains will stop at Beacon Hill, Mount Baker, Columbia City, Othello and Rainier Beach stations.

In anticipation of the new train service, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) and Sound Transit are working with community members around light rail stations to design and install new on-street parking regulations. SDOT parking regulations are intended to prevent commuters and transit riders from using the on-street parking spaces needed by residents and businesses.

Proposed neighborhood parking plans

- Time-limit Signs
- Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ)



The new on-street parking regulations could include:

Time-limit signs that generally allow parking for up to two hours. The limit creates turnover, so customers and visitors can more easily find parking.

Load zones have short time limits, usually three or 30 minutes, and are primarily used for deliveries and short errands. Some are for commercial vehicles only.

Restricted Parking Zones (RPZs) give residents priority for neighborhood street parking within a specific boundary. A typical RPZ limits non-resident parking to a few hours. Longer parking requires a valid permit or guest pass.

Restricted Parking Zones Fast Facts

- The proposed boundary for the RPZ at your station area is designed to protect on-street parking within easy walking distance of the light rail station. Some areas are initially excluded because they're located up or down a steep hill from the station.
- If your residential address is inside the proposed RPZ boundary, you are eligible to purchase an RPZ permit for each vehicle registered to your address.
- RPZ permits cost \$45 and are good for two years. Guest permits (\$15 for two years) and low-income permits (\$10 for two years) are also available.
- If an RPZ is established on your street, each of your permitted vehicles can park up to 72 hours before being moved.
- All vehicles without permits must adhere to the posted time-limits.
- RPZs are common in Seattle residential areas - there are currently 27.

→ GET INVOLVED!

Your participation is needed - Please help shape this proposal to install on-street parking regulations in your neighborhood.

By answering the following questions when you e-mail or call us, you'll provide information that helps shape a parking proposal that better meets your needs. Please let us know:

- Your address or nearest intersection
- What you like about your station area's parking proposal
- How you would change the proposal
- Your questions or concerns.

Your comments will be used to shape and adjust the parking proposal. SDOT is scheduled to decide in February 2009 where to install time-limit signs and RPZs. Residents and businesses will be notified of the final parking management plans through mailings, the project Web site, and community presentations. After light rail service begins, SDOT will work with residents and businesses to monitor parking conditions and expand and adjust parking regulations as needed.

Please comment by Jan. 22, 2009.

There are many ways to reach us:

- Check out our Web site: www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/lightrailparking.htm for neighborhood meeting dates, station area maps and more information
- E-mail your questions and ideas to SDOT at: lightrailparking@seattle.gov or call (206) 684-8186
- Open Houses (see reverse side for details)
- Invite us to a meeting with your community group, blockwatch group, and neighbors by e-mailing lightrailparking@seattle.gov or calling (206) 684-8186.

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The proposed parking regulations are designed for the areas within easy walking distance of the light rail stations. Your participation is needed to shape this parking proposal. Please review the proposal and let us know what you think by Jan. 22, 2009. E-mail lightrailparking@seattle.gov or call (206) 684.8186.

Please review maps and provide feedback on the following:

Time-Limit Signs

- Many businesses in station areas already are adjacent to short-term time-limit signs.
- New 2-hour time-limit signs are proposed next to commercial businesses, such as stores, restaurants, offices and services.
- 4-hour time-limit signs would likely be installed adjacent to community facilities such as parks, libraries and community centers.
- Do you need a shorter (1-hour or 30-minute) or longer (3- hour or 4-hour) time-limit next to your business or property?
- If you are a business or service-provider, how do you think the proposed parking controls will work for your customers, visitors and employees?

Please note: Existing time-limit signs and load zones typically will remain unchanged.

Restricted Parking Zone

- RPZs are recommended on residential streets or outside residential properties within easy walking distance of light rail stations.

- Typical RPZs limit non-resident parking to two-hours between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Non-resident parking could be allowed for longer or shorter time periods.
- Another zone design under consideration prevents commuter parking in the morning and allows unrestricted parking for neighborhood residents, employees and visitors after mid-morning.
- Should your street be included in a RPZ?
- When should non-residents be allowed to park?

Load Zones

- Existing and proposed load zones are not shown on the parking proposal maps.
- Efforts are also underway to design station drop-off and pick-up areas.
- Does your business or property need a three-minute or 30-minute load zone?



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Các chuyến xe Link light rail của Sound Transit sẽ bắt đầu chuyến chở khách ở trung tâm thành phố Seattle và Tukwila xuyên qua Rainier Valley vào tháng Bảy năm 2009. Theo dự trù, Seattle Department of Transportation và Sound Transit dự định đặt các quy định mới cho việc đậu xe ở ngoài đường gần các trạm Link light rail. Xin vui lòng đến dự buổi Đón Mối Công Chúng có liệt kê trong bản in này để xem qua các quy định được đề nghị và để đóng góp ý kiến của quý vị. Để biết thêm thông tin bằng tiếng Việt xin vui lòng gọi 1-800-823-9230, và để cập đến ngày có ghi trên trang đầu.